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*TO THE MANAGERS OF THE
WESTERN INFIRMARY, GLASGOW.*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg leave to offer myself as a Candidate for the post of extra-dispensary surgeon in the Western Infirmary.

I am 28 years of age, and graduated, M.B., Ch.B., with distinction in Medicine, at the Glasgow University in 1901.

Since my graduation I have been continuously engaged in the study and practice of my profession, partly in this country and partly abroad:—

(1) As Resident Physician in the Western Infirmary with Dr. James Finlayson in the winter of 1901-02.

(2) As assistant in a large general practice during the summer months of 1902.

(3) As Resident Surgeon in the Western Infirmary with Professor Sir Hector Cameron during the winter of 1902-03.

(4) As Clinical Assistant in the Glasgow Ear Hospital for 6 months in 1903.

(5) Attending post graduate courses on the Continent during 1904. First in Zürich, where I attended the clinique of Dr. Rohrer (Docent der Ohrenheilkunde an der Universität Zürich), afterwards in Vienna taking practical courses, chiefly in connection with the surgical branches of the profession—Otology with Hofrat Professor Politzer, Laryngology with Professor Chiari, Laryngology and Rhinology with Docent Koschier, Docent Gersuny and Docent Hajek. I was assistant to the latter for 4 months in the Franz-Joseph Ambulatorium.

(6) On returning to this Country at the beginning of 1905, I spent several months in England, first in

Manchester assisting in the Surgical practice of Dr. Milligan, then in London, where I acted as clinical assistant at the London Throat Hospital; at the same time I attended the clinics of leading surgeons and specialists in the Metropolis.

(7) Since returning to Glasgow, 18 months ago, I have been assistant to the Lecturer on Diseases of the Ear, Glasgow University, and in this capacity have regularly taken part in the practical instruction of students in the Dispensary. I have also held the post of assistant surgeon to the Glasgow Hospital for diseases of the Ear, Nose and Throat, the work of which is chiefly of a surgical character.

It need scarcely be mentioned that I have had all along the advantage of my father's guidance and training, and have frequently assisted him at the Aural Dispensary in the Western Infirmary, occasionally also acting unofficially for him there, during his absence on holiday.

Appended is a list of a few papers on Surgical subjects read by me before various Medical Societies, both in this city and in England.

I also offer for your consideration testimonials from several of my teachers and others with whom I have been associated.

If honoured by being appointed extra-dispensary surgeon, I shall do my utmost to give you satisfaction.

I am,

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Yours faithfully,

J. STODDART BARR.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SURGICAL LITERATURE.

1. "Observations on Local Anaesthesia for Aural and Nasal Operations with special reference to Dr. Neumann's Method."

Read before the Otological Society of the United Kingdom at Manchester, June 3rd, 1905, and published in the *Journal of Laryngology, Rhinology, and Otology*, August, 1905.

2. "Notes of a Fatal Case of Septic Thrombosis of the Lateral Sinus, secondary to Chronic Otitis Media Purulenta in the Left Ear, and complicated with Septic Infarctions in the Right Lung." *Lancet*, 24th March, 1906.

3. "Case of Otitic Extra-dural Abscess, associated with Paralysis of sixth Cranial Nerve and double Optic Neuritis—with Remarks."

Read before the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Glasgow, and published in the *Glasgow Medical Journal*, August, 1906.

4. "Case of Lipoma Nasi."

Shown to the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Glasgow, and published in the *Transactions*, vol. vi.

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TESTIMONIALS.

From HECTOR C. CAMERON, *Professor of Clinical Surgery*
in the University of Glasgow.

200 BATH STREET,
GLASGOW, 23rd June, 1906.

I HAVE known JOHN STODDART BARR, M.B., Ch.B., since his boyhood. I had an opportunity of judging of his capabilities and earnestness during his student days, when he was a member of my class ; and again when, during six months, he acted as my house-surgeon in the Glasgow Western Infirmary (1902-03). From this experience I have been led to form a high opinion both of his character and of his professional qualifications. Since that time he has greatly added to his equipment of knowledge by a prolonged course of clinical and pathological study in various Continental Schools as well as in London, Manchester, etc. These studies no doubt had special reference to Diseases of the Ear, Nose and Throat ; but I know Dr. Barr's knowledge of general surgery to be also both ample and accurate.

He informs me that he is at present a candidate for one of the junior surgical posts on the out-door staff of the Western Infirmary. For such a position I regard him as thoroughly well qualified ; and the success of his application will give me sincere pleasure.

HECTOR C. CAMERON.

From JAS. H. NICOLL, M.B., C.M., F.F.P.S. Glasg., *Professor of Surgery, Anderson's College, Glasgow; Visiting Surgeon, Glasgow Western Infirmary.*

4 WOODSIDE PLACE, CHARING CROSS,
GLASGOW, *June, 1906.*

DR. J. STODDART BARR is one of the younger graduates to whose future career the Glasgow School of Medicine will look for enhanced prestige.

He was one of the ablest students it has been my lot to teach, and the distinguished place in his year which he took on graduating was therefore no surprise to me.

Since graduating Dr. Barr has had an exceptionally full post-graduate course of study in the schools of Great Britain and Europe, and has already published several papers of importance on surgical subjects.

He holds the appointment of Assistant to the Lecturer on Diseases of the Ear in the University and of Assistant Surgeon to the Hospital for Diseases of the Ear, Throat and Nose.

Never have I more confidently wished success to one recently started in professional life.

JAS. H. NICOLL.

From CHARLES A. BALLANCE, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S.,
Surgeon and Lecturer on Surgery, St. Thomas'
Hospital; Surgeon, Hospital for Children, Great
Ormond Street.

106 HARLEY STREET,
 CAVENDISH SQUARE, W., 3rd July, 1906.

I HAVE much pleasure in writing a few words in support of the Candidature of DR. STODDART BARR for the post of Extra-Dispensary Surgeon to the Western Infirmary, Glasgow. Dr. Barr is known to me as a young surgeon of much promise. He has had varied and splendid opportunities in various countries of learning Surgery, and is now keen and eager to contribute to the advance of our Art and Science. I believe he will make a name for himself, and I heartily wish him success.

CHARLES A. BALLANCE.

From JAMES FINLAYSON, M.D., LL.D., Physician to the Glasgow Western Infirmary; Consulting Physician to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children and to the Glasgow Ear Hospital; late President and Hon. Librarian, Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, etc.

2 WOODSIDE PLACE, CHARING CROSS,
GLASGOW, 26th June, 1906.

DR. J. STODDART BARR has been well known to me all his life. He was a diligent student in my Clinique in the Western Infirmary, and I had pleasure in nominating him for the post of Resident Assistant for my wards; on his appointment in 1901 he did his work well, and went on to the surgical department under Sir Hector C. Cameron. He likewise had experience of private practice in Devonshire for some months, and I learned that he did this work well.

After 1903 he has been engaged in more special studies, chiefly abroad, extending his knowledge of diseases of the Ear, Nose and Throat; and he had the advantage of seeing the private as well as the hospital work of Dr. Milligan in Manchester, and with him and with some of his Continental teachers he acted to some extent as an assistant also. He likewise studied with various specialists in this department in London.

Since beginning practice in Glasgow he has been an assistant at the Ear Hospital here, and the cases he has communicated to the Medical Societies show his earnestness in his clinical work.

JAMES FINLAYSON.

From URBAN PRITCHARD, M.D., F.R.C.S., *Professor of Aural Surgery, King's College, London; Aural Surgeon to King's College Hospital; Consulting Aural Surgeon to the Royal Ear Hospital.*

26 WIMPOLE STREET, W.,
19th June, 1906.

I HAVE known DR. STODDART BARR for some years and have much pleasure in strongly recommending him for the post of Extra-Dispensary Surgeon to the Glasgow Western Infirmary.

Besides his considerable experience in Glasgow, he has had the advantage of having studied in the Clinics of Vienna, Zurich, Manchester and London.

When in London I was struck with his keenness and ability. He is a most earnest worker and a keen observer.

I feel sure that he will, if appointed, prove a credit to the Western Infirmary.

URBAN PRITCHARD.

From WILLIAM MILLIGAN, Aural Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Manchester; Surgeon to the Manchester Ear Hospital; Lecturer upon Diseases of the Ear, the University of Manchester.

12 ST. JOHN STREET,
MANCHESTER, 19th June, 1906.

It gives me sincere pleasure to have the opportunity of saying a few words in favour of DR. J. STODDART BARR'S candidature for the post of Extra-Dispensary Surgeon to the Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

I have had the privilege of knowing Dr. Stoddart Barr for some years and of watching with the greatest interest the evolution of his career as a medical man. The son of a distinguished father, whose reputation as an aurist is world-wide, he has been most carefully educated and has enjoyed all the advantages of a truly liberal medical education, and has in his own home received incomparable assistance and help in a medical atmosphere of the highest type and ideals. It has also been my privilege to have had Dr. Barr's assistance for nearly two months in Manchester both in hospital and private work. During that time I had every opportunity of seeing how well he had been grounded in surgery and how extensive was his knowledge of his profession.

Since starting in practice in Glasgow, Dr. Stoddart Barr has made full use of his opportunities and has already published important papers upon the Surgery of the Ear. I look forward with every possible confidence to his attaining a very distinguished position in the profession, and I have seldom had the opportunity of more whole-heartedly advocating the claims of a gentleman in whom I have the greatest confidence and belief than on the present occasion.

I feel sure that if those in authority appoint Dr. Stoddart Barr to the post for which he is now an applicant, they will secure a most able surgeon and one who is imbued with the seriousness and reality of his work, and who from his careful training and high character is eminently fitted to discharge the duties of the post.

WILLIAM MILLIGAN.

From HERBERT TILLEY, B.S., F.R.C.S., *Surgical Department for Diseases of Ear, Nose and Throat, University College Hospital, London; and formerly Surgeon to the Golden Square Throat Hospital.*

89 HARLEY STREET,
CAVENDISH SQUARE, W., 20th June, 1906.

IT is with great pleasure that I add my testimony in favour of DR. STODDART BARR'S candidature for the position of Extra-Dispensary Surgeon to the Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

During the year 1905 he was my Clinical Assistant at the Golden Square Throat Hospital, where I had ample opportunities of observing the thoroughness of his general knowledge of Medicine and Surgery, as well as his intimate and practical acquaintance with the diseases peculiar to the Ear, Throat and Nose.

It was a pleasure to work with Dr. Barr, because his travels abroad and his studies in the various European Clinics enabled him to take a broad and wholesome perspective of his work; at the same time he was well versed in all the technical details of the specialty.

Dr. Stoddart Barr has already given proof of his ability and an earnest of future good work in the publication of important matters connected with Nose and Ear Diseases—*vide* "Proceedings of the Otological Society of the United Kingdom."

One other and by no means unimportant claim is possessed by Dr. Stoddart Barr, viz., his good fellowship and the kindly consideration with which he treats his colleagues, be they juniors or seniors.

HERBERT TILLEY.

PROFESSOR DR. A. POLITZER, *Vorstand der Klinik für
Ohrenkranke im K.k. allg. Krankenhause in Wien.*

DER Gefertigte bestätigt, dass HERR DR. J. STODDART BARR 1904 bei ihm und seinen Assistenten mehrere Curse über praktische Ohrenheilkunde und Otochirurgie genommen und dieselben sehr eifrig frequentirt hat. Er hatte in diesen Cursen nicht nur Gelegenheit sich gründliche Kenntnisse in der Diagnose und Therapie der Ohrerkrankungen anzueignen, sondern konnte die erworbenen Kenntnisse auch praktisch am Krankenbette verwerten und selbst operative Eingriffe vornehmen. Er erwies sich als tüchtiger Diagnostiker und zeichnete sich insbesondere durch eine bemerkenswerte Geschicklichkeit bei allen am Ohre vorkommenden Operationen aus.

Der Gefertigte kann Herrn Dr. Barr als einen tüchtigen und gewissenhaften Ohrenarzt auf das beste empfehlen.

PROF. DR. A. POLITZER,
*Vorstand der Klinik für Ohrenkranke
im K.k. allg. Krankenhause in Wien.*

WIEN, am 22./vi. 06.

TRANSLATION.

THE undersigned affirms that DR. J. STODDART BARR has taken with him and his assistants during the year 1904 several courses on practical Otology, and the Surgery of the Ear, and has attended them very diligently. In these courses he has not only taken the opportunity of gaining a thorough knowledge in the diagnosis and treatment of ear diseases, but, he has been able to utilise this knowledge practically at the bedside, and himself undertake the operative treatment. He proved himself to be an able diagnostician, and showed a specially remarkable dexterity in all operations in connection with the ear.

The undersigned is able, therefore, with great pleasure to recommend Dr. Barr as an able and conscientious aurist.

PROF. DR. A. POLITZER,

*Head of the Clinique for Ear Diseases
in the Royal General Hospital, Vienna.*

VIENNA, 22nd June, 1906.

DR. M. HAJEK, *Privatdocent an der K.k. Universität,
Wien.*

HERR DR. J. STODDART BARR aus Schottland (Glasgow) hat bei dem Unterzeichneten im Laufe der Monate Mai, Juni, Juli 1904 zwei Curse, und zwar einen über Anatomie und Pathologie des Kehlkopfes, der Nase, und ihrer Nebenhöhlen, einen zweiten über Diagnose und Therapie der Krankheiten des Kehlkopfes der Nase, und ihrer Nebenhöhlen gehört und fleissig frequentiert.

Ausserdem hat Herr Dr. Barr vom 15. September bis zum 31. December 1904 an dem Krankenmaterial der dem Gefertigten unterstehenden Poliklinik für Hals u. Nasenkrankheiten praktisch sich bethätigt. Während dieser Zeit hat Herr Dr. Barr sämtliche in das Spezialfach einschlagende grösseren und kleineren Operationen und therapeutischen Eingriffe in Nase, ihren Nebenhöhlen, Rachen u. Kehlkopf zu wiederholtenmalen selbstständig und mit grossem Geschicke ausgeführt und sich auch eine grosse Fertigkeit in der Diagnose der Hals und Nasenkrankheiten erworben.

Wir können demnach Herrn Dr. Barr als einen sowohl theoretisch als auch praktisch sehr geübten Laryngo-Rhinologen bezeichnen.

DOC. DR. M. HAJEK,

Wien

WIEN, 31/XII. 1904.

IX., Günthergasse 1.

TRANSLATION.

DR. J. STODDART BARR of Glasgow, Scotland, has diligently attended two of my courses during the months of May, June, July, 1904, one upon the Anatomy and Pathology of the Larynx and the Nose and its accessory sinuses, the second upon the Diagnosis and Treatment of the Diseases of the Larynx, Nose, and its accessory sinuses.

In addition, from the 15th September to the 31st December, Dr. Barr has assisted me in the work of my clinique for throat and nose diseases. During this time Dr. Barr has himself repeatedly, and with great skill, conducted all the several operations required in this speciality, and has also carried out the various other therapeutical measures in the Nose, its accessory sinuses, Throat and Larynx. He has, besides, acquired special skill in the diagnosis of throat and nose affections.

We have therefore no hesitation in recommending Dr. Barr as, theoretically and practically, a skilful Laryngologist and Rhinologist.

DR. M. HAJEK.

VIENNA. 31st Dec., 1904.

